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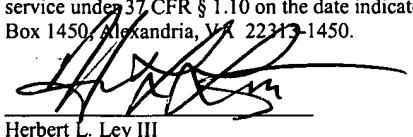
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on April 12, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time for the filing of this response is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper